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Managers

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APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY,

OF

PHILADELPHIA.

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TO THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY,

OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Board of Managers in submitting their Annual Report for the year ending March, 1854, feel that they have reason to congratulate the members of the Company upon its continued usefulness and success. Its affairs are in a flourishing condition. The working of both the Boys' and Girls' Libraries, have been gratifying. A large number of books has been added, and many new applicants of both sexes have been admitted to the use of the Libraries during the past year. There are now 890 girls using this Library, being an increase over the previous year, and nearly two thousand more books have been loaned than in the previous year. The Library has become quite popular with those for whom it was designed, and the extent to which it is used is rapidly increasing. As an instance of the care of the Librarian and of the punctuality of the Girls in returning the books, it may be stated that only six volumes have not been returned or have been lost during the year, and no books are now out over time. The accompanying statistical tables will exhibit in detail the condition of the Company. Evidence is presented abundantly of the beneficial influence of our Institution, of the degree in which it has contributed to mould the character and inform the understanding of many, who by successful industry have attained an honourable position in the community. These cheering results should

lead us to still further exertions and encourage us to enlarge the range of our action.

It must be evident to every mind that the Apprentices' Library Company possesses the means of doing much good. We have two large Libraries, amounting together to about fifteen thousand volumes, which circulate among hundreds of families. We believe that our Institution enjoys the confidence of the community, and we are persuaded it has many friends. It should be a subject of serious reflection, whether these facilities and instrumentalities, (which could readily be augmented), are employed to their fullest extent? whether they might not be made to minister even more efficiently to all the benevolent purposes of the Library, and thus in a still greater degree "promote orderly and virtuous habits, diffuse knowledge, improve the scientific skill of our mechanics and manufacturers, increase the system of general education which is now adopted, and advance the happiness and prosperity of the community."

If other modes of additional usefulness are easily available, should we altogether withhold ourselves from them? When the Library was first founded, it was a progressive movement, in advance of the time. It happily supplied a want then felt. This spirit of advancement was further maintained by the establishment of the Girls' Library. As social changes develop other necessities, it is worthy of consideration how far we should adapt ourselves to them, and thus continue to be what we were in our origin, foremost in this department of benevolence. The influence and resources of our Institution constitute a responsible trust committed to us, which it is our duty to fulfil, in a manner that shall make it yield the greatest possible amount of good. If the scope of our operations can now be successfully extended, and if there are practicable auxiliary modes of furnishing knowledge and instruction to that class whom we especially seek to benefit, it becomes a matter worthy of careful consideration, whether we should not take another step forward in this respect.

The recent organizations of Institutes in the city and each of the late municipal districts, is a very significant fact which has not been without its influence on the Library, as may be in-

ferred by comparing the statistics of the Boys' and Girls' department with each other, and with the statistics of preceding years. The success attending these Institutes which have gone into active operation, is highly gratifying, and may suggest some important views to us.

To supply proper books to an inquiring youth, is, in one respect, aiding him materially in the processs of self-education. May we not, and if we can, should we not, aid him in other respects? We earnestly commend this subject to the Company.

It might be a matter for deliberation how far the facilities of a reading room should be extended. Many apprentices are surrounded by such unfavourable circumstances at their homes or boarding houses, that they do not enjoy the means of steady application to reading. By them, a conveniently prepared reading room, open every evening, and supplied with some of the literary and scientific journals, or those relating to the arts, trades and manufactures, as well as with the volumes of the Library, would no doubt be highly appreciated.

Our books in many instances have doubtless aroused the ambition of many a young mechanician, and excited within him the ardent desire to inscribe his name on the same brilliant page with Watts, Arkwright, Fulton, Evans, Franklin, and other illustrious benefactors of mankind. These promptings and aspirations are quite natural, and should by no means be checked. Is it not our duty to possess some wider educational facilities, by which we may foster and direct such a feeling, and enable its possessor, by application and study, to work his way if he will, from humble obscurity to a proud position among our men of science?

These matters are submitted by the Managers, not altogether as positive recommendations, but rather to call attention to the propriety of making our Institution the means of still further good.

Our common desire, undoubtedly, is to educate the mechanic and the artisan, so that they may become better citizens, and give increased renown to American skill in its industrial applications. The standard of education, the exigencies of the times, the demands of business, social wants, and the range of

activity are changed from what they were when the Library was founded. We must not allow ourselves to remain rigidly stationary amid the onward tendencies of the age. We may explore new paths of beneficence. We should remember the commendation which He who did not stand still but went about doing good, bestowed on that faithful steward who did not bury his talents in a napkin. It is not enough that the trust remains unimpaired and unwasted; it must be rendered more vigorously productive.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board of Managers,

JAMES J. BARCLAY,
Chairman.

WM. R. MAXFIELD,
Secretary.

March, 1854.

STATISTICS FOR 1853.

BOYS' LIBRARY.

22,590 Books loaned during the year.
716 New Applicants.
930 At present using the Library.

GIRLS' LIBRARY.

21,005 Books loaned during the year.
596 New Applicants.
890 At present using the Library.

TOTAL.

Books loaned	Boys,	22,590
"	Girls,	21,005
		43,595

613 Books added to Boys' Library,
393 " " Girls' "
1,006

15 New members.

10,698 Books in Boys' Library.
4,282 " Girls' "
14,980 whole number.

Third Month 1st, 1854.

Abstract of the Account of Samuel Mason, Treasurer of the Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia, for the Year ending Third Mo. 8, 1854.

RECEIPTS.

Annual Subscriptions of members, less commission for collecting,	$518 00
Interest and ground rents,	653 51
Legacy from Estate of Nathan Dunn, on account,	3,373 67
Interest from re-investment of Legacy of Paul Beck,	6 00
Fines, and sales of Catalogues at Boys' Library,	175 94
Do. do. do. Girls' Library,	89 14
	$4,816 26

PAYMENTS.

Balance due the Treasurer, Third mo. 8, 1853,	$179 91
For Salaries and services of Librarians, Assistants, and Janitor,	577 66
Incidents to Room Committee, &c.,	112 11
Preparation of new Catalogue, paper, printing, &c.,	151 03
Printing Report, cards, &c.,	33 30
Investment in West Philadelphia bonds,	2,866 50
Purchase of books to Book Committee,	600 00
Binding and repairing books,	192 90
Insurance of books and fixtures,	40 00
Gas light,	39 90
Balance in hands of Treasurer, due Company,	22 95
E. E.	4,816 26

SAMUEL MASON,
Treasurer.

The undersigned members of the Board of Managers, having examined the foregoing statement of the account of Samuel Mason, Treasurer, and compared his payments with the vouchers, find the account correct; there being a balance in his hands due the Company, as stated, of Twenty-two dollars, ninety-five cents ($22 95.)

SAMUEL F. TROTH,
SAMUEL M. BINES.

Philadelphia, Third Month (March) 13th, 1854.

List of Persons to Witness Signature of Guarantees.

MANAGERS.

Townsend Sharpless, 32 south Second st.
Isaac Barton, 29 south Second st.
James J. Barclay, Athenæum Building.
Samuel Mason, 68 north Seventh st.
Isaac Lloyd, 101 south Water st.
William R. Maxfield, Fourth st. near Willow, west side.
Thomas M'Collin, Thirteenth st., fifth house below Green.
Joseph Hutchinson, 225 south Ninth st.
Joshua Mitchell, 17 north Sixth st.
Joel Cadbury, 32 south Front st.
George Dilks, 395 north Sixth st., and Eighth and Poplar.
Benjamin M. Hollinshead, 339 north Seventh st.
Thomas C. Garrett, 122 Chestnut st.
Joseph H. Collins, Poplar and Eighth sts.
Joshua W. Ash, M. D., 681 Vine st.
William P. Troth, 224 Market st.
Samuel F. Troth, 102 north Ninth st.
Wm. L. Maddock, 55 south Third st.
Joseph E. M'Ilhenney, 223 Arch st.
Thomas Fisher, 110 south Front st.
Elihu Roberts, 35 Market st.
Richard Richardson, 114½ Arch st.
Samuel M. Bines, 38 Buttonwood st.
Isaac G. Turner,
Joseph A. Needles, 54 north Front st.
Mark Balderston, 77 Tamany st.
Francis Bacon, corner Front and Walnut.
George W. Childs, 124 Arch st.

From the names of Members and others authorized to witness guarantees the following are selected for the convenience of applicants.

Samuel D. Breed, 4 south Thirteenth st.
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Joseph H. Brooks, Beach st., above Maiden.
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John Richards, 299 Market st., north side below Eighth.
Edmund Pryor, Front and Green sts.
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